



St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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March 15, 2026

Parish Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + John Reining

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

5:30 p.m. ☩ + Kevin Colsch

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. ☩ + Dale & + Fern Richards

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, March 15

Announcer/Lector: Mary Mell
Ushers: Grace & Isaac Bruggeman
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Ann Fitzpatrick
Choir: Al Christian **Precious Blood:** Jan Howes & Bill Fitzpatrick
Gift Bearers: Jessica & Ray Waters Family
Servers: John Carlon
Rosary: Mary Lou Graf
Children's Lectionary: Teresa Colsch
Counters: Mary Lou Graf & Gery Bruening

Liturgical Roles - Sunday, March 22

Announcer/Lector: Kent Bezdicek
Ushers: Mike Moriarty & Nick Serres
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Al Christian
Choir: Kathy Koel **Precious Blood:** Jean Meyer & Adeline Colsch
Gift Bearers: Martha & John Meyer
Servers: Brynn Waters & Thea Waters
Rosary: Dan Hurley
Children's Lectionary: Joan Reining
Counters: Carmen Barthel & Marilyn Rose

Church Support: March 8, 2026

Adults:	\$	865.55
Adult Online Giving:	\$	325.00
Offertory:	\$	54.00
Cemetery Donation:	\$	100.00
Votives:	\$	12.00
CCP Spring Fling:	\$	450.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,806.55

Servant Leadership

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Announcements

- ☩ March 15th second collection for Catholic Relief Services.
- ☩ Tuesday, March 17th – Lenten Stations of the Cross at 6pm and Dine-in Soup Supper at 6:30pm.
- ☩ Spring Fling meeting following Mass, March 22nd
- ☩ Easter Flower orders are due March 22nd
- ☩ Wednesday, March 25 Generations of Faith – 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Meal at 5:30 pm, Program to follow.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I pray your Lent is going well and hard. It is not easy to fast, give extra alms, and/or pray more. Old habits die hard. Again, if you have failed from the Lenten goals, it is never too late to start again. We fall. We get up and start again.

I don't see Baptisms on my calendar for this week. My steady flow of Baptisms has petered out. I don't think there is any way for this not to be awkward, so I'll just say it: parents, more babies please.

Thank you to everyone who made the St. Mary's Fish Fry a success, including those who know how to eat yummy fish. Community is so important.

As you may or may not know, I was found on the doorstep of the police station in Mokpo, South Korea when I was about one year old. I was adopted when I was 2.5 and grew up in Iowa. I wrote a pro-life article about my life a number of years back for the diocesan paper. Long story short, I had a major conversation not only in my relationship with Jesus, but also with the Catholic Church. Now I am very blessed to be a priest in southern Minnesota in the United States of America. Someone else might say I was very lucky. I don't believe that luck had anything to do with it. I believe and know that God had a plan for my life even before my life started. In our Gospel today, we meet a man blind from birth. The question comes up, why is the man blind? Is it because of some sin from his or his parents? Jesus says the man is blind so that the "works of God might be made visible through him." I can easily say that about my life. What about you? Can you see the "works of God" in the events of your life? Later in the Gospel story, the man is asked who cured him of his blindness. The first time, the man labels Jesus as a prophet. The second time they question him about who cured him, the man says that it was a man of God. Finally, when Jesus meets with the man, Jesus asks him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He responds, "I do believe, Lord." So, we believe in Jesus Christ? Do we believe that Jesus is the Son of Man? Do we live as if Jesus is the Second Person of the Trinity? As we continue our Lenten journey, may we recognize the healing power of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, in our lives. May we continue to struggle to make Jesus the center of our lives. God bless, Fr. Vogel

Easter Youth Choir

All Parish youth are invited to join in singing a hymn before Mass on Easter Sunday. Practice will be in the Church, after Mass, on Sunday March 22nd and Sunday March 29th.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH LIVING A MORAL LIFE "MERCY and FORGIVENESS" WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Come join us for our 6th and final gathering in our series on *Living a Moral Life*. In the previous five sessions, we have focused on the Ten Commandments. This time we will focus on Mercy and Forgiveness, and how we are challenged to live lives of mercy, compassion and forgiveness, modeled on the compassion of Jesus Christ. We are blessed to have Father Ed Mc Grath, retired priest of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, as our guest speaker. Enjoy a delicious complementary meal, served from 5:30-6:00 pm. There will be special learning activities for youth. Please mark your calendars and join your Parish family, as we come together to learn from each other and strengthen our faith! This is faith formation for all ages. There is no fee to attend. We are grateful to the Holy Spirit who inspires us to come together and help in handing on the faith to the next generation. Everyone is welcome!



Sunday, April 19, 2026

Please consider donating towards our largest fundraiser – St. Patrick's Spring Fling.

Now is the time to start to bring in donated items for the themed baskets, provide your handmade silent auction items, donate gift cards or certificates from businesses, sell & purchase Raffle tickets, bring in small prizes for the children's games, bring in new or gently used jewelry, plan to bake for the bake sale, and plan to volunteer on the day of the event.

Hand in your ticket sales and get additional tickets to sell!

The Spring Fling will start with a delicious and hearty breakfast at 9:00 am on Sunday, April 19th, along with basket and ticket raffles, jewelry and silent auctions, Quilt Raffle, bake sale, children's games, and much more!



Join us each Tuesday for Stations of the Cross following the 5:30 p.m. weekday Mass. The Way of the Cross is to call to mind the Passion of Christ, that is, the journey Jesus took from his condemnation to his death. We will meet each Tuesday until March 31st.

Lenten Soup Suppers

A Lenten supper is a meal that takes place in the evening of the Christian liturgical season of Lent. This year we will continue the delivery of soup to those that cannot join us and will host a soup supper following the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday during Lent. All are welcome to join in these nights of reflection. A delicious soup supper will welcome our fellow parishioners, friends, and neighbors!



VFW Pancake Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, March 22nd at the Brownsville Community Center from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. Adults \$14 each and youth 6-12 are \$7 each. Children 5 & under free.



Brownsville Fire & Rescue Fundraiser

Cabin Fever Reliever: Chicken Q \$15 each (tickets available only until March 30th) Live Music. Raffles. Bake Sale. Saturday, April 11th at 4 pm at Community Center.



Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Research Center in collaboration with Houston County Public Health and Human Services Present:

Brain Health, Aging, and Dementia

A three part series for those interested in learning more

You are invited to join our team from the Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Research Center to learn about brain health, memory loss, and current research. There will be plenty of time for conversation and questions.

The following events and topics will be discussed. Please attend the events that work best for you.

Session 1: Building a Better Brain Featuring Angela Lunde, MA (1:00pm-3:00pm)

- Understanding memory as we age
- Reducing dementia risk
- Everyday strategies for optimizing memory

Session 2: When Does Forgetfulness Signal Dementia Featuring Stuart McCarter, MD (1:00pm-3:00pm)

- Memory concerns - when to see your doctor & the value of early diagnosis
- Understanding dementia
- Genetics, managing the disease, and new treatments

Session 3: Demystifying Aging & Dementia Research Featuring Tasha Loftin, MA (1:00pm-3:00pm)

- Overview the types of research that are conducted at Mayo Clinic
- Understand what it means to participate in a research study
- What to consider when thinking about research participation



Thursday, April 9
Thursday, April 16
Thursday, April 23

Cost
Free

LOCATION
Houston County Criminal Justice Center Conference Room
306 South Marshall Street
Caledonia, MN 55921

To register, call 507.725.5810 ext. 2254, scan the QR code or copy this hyperlink: <https://qrco.de/Caledonia2026>



Mass Intentions & Offerings envelopes can be dropped in offertory on Sunday or mailed to St. Patrick's Parish at the address below. Please indicate for whom the Mass intention is for, the preferred date(s) for the intention and who the donor is. Please note that specific dates may not be available, we will do all we can to honor your date on or as close to as possible. Also available is online giving at www.stpatrickschurchbrownvillemn.org and click on the 'Online Giving' link or set up automatic payment plan by calling the Office.

Donations to St. Patrick's Cemetery can be sent to St. Patrick's Parish Office at 604 Adams Street, P.O. Box 155, Brownsville, MN 55919 OR placed in the collection basket during Mass. Mark "St. Patrick's Cemetery" on the outside of envelope and on the check.

Requests for the Prayer Network may be emailed to stpatricks@acegroup.cc or leave a message at the Parish Office at 507-482-6818. Make sure to provide your name, to whom the request is for and any other details you wish.

Reconciliation is available at 7:30 to 7:45 am on Sunday and 5:00 to 5:20 pm on Tuesday. Confessions are taken in the confessional located at the back of the church.